

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

**Chief Ronal W. Serpas**



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### 2003 Fallen Firefighters' Memorial

Chief Ronal W. Serpas announced today that the 2003 Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Service would be held on Sunday, October 5, 2003, at 10 a.m., at the Washington State Labor and Industries Building in Tumwater.

In 1985, the Washington State Firefighters' Association established Washington's Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Service. A bronzed Maltese cross affixed to a granite cairn denotes the Memorial, located at the Washington State Patrol Fire Training Academy located in North Bend.

Over the years, the Washington State Firefighters' Association, the Washington State Council of Firefighters, the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs, the Washington State Fire Commissioners, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal have joined together to annually recognize firefighters who have died in the line of duty giving unselfish service to their communities and Washington State.

State Fire Marshal Mary Corso states, "This is an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices these men and women have made in an effort to protect their communities and show our tremendous appreciation of that sacrifice."

The annual memorial service coincides with the National Fire Administration Memorial Service, held each year on the first Sunday of October during National Fire Prevention Week.



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